

county—approximately 2.4 million acres and roughly 3.7 thousand square miles—encompasses hundreds of lakes, three national forests, rivers, fish and wildlife habitat, streams, grassland, and mountainous landscapes. It is no wonder the county's stunning terrain continues to attract those who enjoy the outdoors.

The county's splendor and ruggedness are matched by the grace and determination of the more than 9,000 Idahoans who make the area home. Over the years, Valley County residents have faced booms and downturns in the mining, logging, and agriculture sectors with resilience and continue to forge ahead with collaborative efforts to increase economic opportunities. Mining, fueled by the Idaho Gold Rush, has roots in the county stretching back more than a century. Logging has also been a historically central part of the county's economic base, and efforts to reestablish these sectors continue.

We wish the residents of Valley County all the best as they seek advancements in tourism and innovation for this important part of our great State. Congratulations on this significant milestone in Valley County's history and 100 years of achievements.●

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN WOOD

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Ellen Wood of Winnett. Ellen has been serving up hospitality to the folks in Petroleum County for the past 25 years. Her culinary prowess have also pleased the tastebuds of many others well beyond her central Montana community.

In 1992, Ellen decided it was time to make an occupational change and purchased the Kozy Korner Bar and Cafe. It was not long after that The Kozy Korner became known for its delicious pies. Hunters, ranchers, tourists, and locals are all fortunate if they get a slice. Some even call ahead just to make sure they will not leave empty handed. You know a pie is good when you have to make reservations. Ellen has even shipped her homemade pies to repeat customers around the country. In addition to her pies, Gourmet Magazine did an article in 2005 on Ellen's plate-sized pancakes. It is no wonder that every 5 years during the Winnett all-school class reunion, the Kozy Korner serves as a hub of activity for the local community. A quarter century of hospitality and service to her neighbors and guests is a great accomplishment.

Being a small business owner is tough work, but Ellen had a trusted partner in her husband, Buck. He was U.S. Marine Corps veteran with over 4 years of service in Vietnam. He helped her run the Kozy Korner until he passed away in 2014. Today Buck's Bacon Cheeseburger is still one of the favorite menu items for Kozy Korner patrons. Hometown cafes are a staple of our Montana communities and so

are people like Ellen and Buck. With that community spirit in mind, it is an honor to say thank you to Ellen for making a corner of Petroleum County a comfortable place to visit. If you are going to stop in, just remember to call ahead if you want a piece of the marionberry pie.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL TIMOTHY J. CATHCART

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the accomplishments of an exceptional Alaskan, Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Cathcart, U.S. Air Force, currently serving as director, Office of Legislative Liaison, National Guard Bureau. He will retire on May 31, 2017, after more than 32 years of honorable service. A master navigator, Brigadier General Cathcart has executed more than 75 operational rescue missions, has over 2,000 flight hours, and has served in a variety of operational, training, command, Air Staff, and joint positions.

Brigadier General Cathcart enlisted in the Alaska Air National Guard in 1985 and received his commission in 1990 through the Academy of Military Science. Upon completion of navigator training in 1992, he returned to the Alaska Air National Guard as a rescue navigator on the HC-130 aircraft and then served as senior controller at the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center. While serving, Brigadier General Cathcart earned a master of business administration and a master of science in computer science from the University of Alaska. In 2000, he was selected as the mobility forces action officer in the Air and Space Operations Directorate at the National Guard Bureau. After 2 years, Brigadier General Cathcart was promoted to mobility forces branch chief and later went on to serve as the operations support branch chief.

In 2005, Brigadier General Cathcart was selected to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, earning a master of science in National Resource Strategy. Following graduation, he served at the Pentagon as the National Guard readiness adviser, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff, while concurrently earning a doctor of philosophy, Ph.D., in Science and Technology Studies from Virginia Tech. From 2008 to 2011, Brigadier General Cathcart served as chief, Joint Training and Education Division, Joint Doctrine, Training, and Force Development Directorate, followed by a position as deputy director for Force Development, Domestic Operations and Force Development Directorate on the National Guard Bureau Joint Staff. From 2011 to 2014, he served as commander of the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center at McGee Tyson ANGB, TN, followed by the General Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Prior to his current position as director of legislative liaison, Brigadier General Cathcart was a special assistant to the director, Air National Guard, assigned to the Air Staff's total force-continuum office. In this role, on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, he worked to identify the appropriate balance of active and reserve components across missions and platforms and helped reduce legal, organizational, policy, and cultural barriers to a more fully integrated Air Force.

As director, Office of Legislative Liaison, Brigadier General Cathcart is the primary adviser to the chief, National Guard Bureau, on all matters of congressional interest and provides guidance and direction in the development of the National Guard Bureau legislative strategy. He ceaselessly and effectively supported all Air and Army National Guard roles and missions both State and Federal. Brigadier General Cathcart's efforts advanced an unprecedented level of integration and collaboration within the Department of Defense, as well as with State, inter-agency, and non-Federal entity partners. He educated and informed decisionmakers within the executive as well as legislative branches of U.S. Government to support National Guard priorities, personnel, and resource requirements, resulting in support and funding for core programs in fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 legislation.

Brigadier General Cathcart's extraordinary career of visionary leadership and highly successful implementation of innovative cutting-edge concepts leaves behind a remarkable legacy of success. His years of dedicated service in the U.S. Air Force and the National Guard represent lifelong dedication and commitment to the defense of our great Nation.

I wish to express my gratitude to Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Cathcart for his many years of distinguished service to this country.●

REMEMBERING ANNIE CARROLL WYCHE

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, when I am home in Anchorage this weekend, I plan to attend the grand opening of Roscoe's Food for the Soul Restaurant at the Aviator Hotel. Last December, the Alaska Dispatch News noted that the name Roscoe's has been synonymous in Anchorage with soul food for decades. The original Roscoe's was a father and son enterprise. Roscoe Wyche, Jr., opened the restaurant on Government Hill with his son Roscoe Wyche III in 1988. Roscoe's Food for the Soul continues the family tradition. It is a partnership of Roscoe Wyche III, now 56, and his son, Roscoe Wyche IV, who goes by the moniker "Roc." Roscoe III told the Alaska Dispatch News that he was passing the torch just like his dad did—a very sweet story.

But this weekend's opening will be a tad bittersweet. The matriarch of the